

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) Method for access by a client to services provided by a service provider, the client being able to transmit and/or receive information according to a point-to-point transport protocol via a telecommunication network and a session concentrator which is able to transmit and/or receive information according to the point-to-point transport protocol, the method being performed by using an access control protocol in the telecommunication network to control access to the services provided by the service provider, the method comprising

- determining whether or not the client conforms to the access control protocol,
- ~~authorising~~authorizing the client that does not conform to the access control protocol to access a network for non-conforming clients, the network for non-conforming clients being set up on the telecommunication network and allowing access to the session concentrator,
- establishing a session between the non-conforming client and the session concentrator according to a point-to-point transport protocol on the network for non-conforming clients ,
- transferring, by the session concentrator, the information transmitted by the non-conforming client in the established session to a network for clients that conform to the access control protocol, the network for conforming clients being set up on the telecommunication network and allowing access to the services provided by the service provider, and reciprocally.

2. (Previously presented) Method according to Claim 1, wherein the method furthermore comprises the steps, carried out by the session concentrator, of:

- determining , among the information transmitted by the service provider in the network for conforming clients, information destined for the non-conforming client,
- transferring the determined information to the non-conforming client in the established session between the non-conforming client and the session concentrator .

3. (Currently amended) Method according to Claim 1 , wherein a number of service providers can be accessed by clients, each service provider being accessible via at least one network for clients that conform to the access control protocol , and the method furthermore comprising determining the network for clients that conform to the access control protocol which allows access to the service provider for the non-conforming client, the ~~determining-determining~~ step being carried out by the session concentrator, and transferring the information transmitted by the non-conforming client in the established session to the determined network for conforming clients.

4. (Previously presented) Method according to Claim 1, wherein the step of establishing the session between the non-conforming client and the session concentrator includes sub-steps, carried out by the session concentrator, of:

- receiving at least one broadcast message which is transmitted by the client on the network for non-conforming clients, the broadcast message comprising at least the address of the client,
- transferring on the network for non conforming clients at least one identification request message destined for the non-conforming client.

5. (Previously presented) Method according to Claim 4, wherein the step of establishing the session between the client and the session concentrator furthermore

comprises sub-steps, carried out by the session concentrator, of

- receiving at least one message comprising at least one identifier which is transmitted by the client on the network for non-conforming clients,
- transferring the identifier to an authentication server,
- obtaining an authenticator for the client and transferring the authenticator to the authentication server,
- establishing the session if the authentication server authenticates the client.

6. (Previously presented) Method according to Claim 1, wherein the client accesses the telecommunication network via a Digital Subscriber Line Access Multiplexor, and the Digital Subscriber Line Access Multiplexor determines whether or not the client conforms to the access control protocol.

7. (Currently amended) Method according to Claim 6, wherein if the client conforms to the access control protocol, the Digital Subscriber Line Access Multiplexor ~~authorises~~authorizes the client that conforms to the access control protocol to access a network for conforming clients, the network for conforming clients being set up on the telecommunication network and allowing access to a service provider.

8. (Previously presented) Method according to Claim 7, wherein a number of service providers can be accessed by clients, each service provider being accessible via at least one network for clients that conform to the access control protocol, and the method furthermore comprises determining the network for clients that conform to the access control protocol which allows access to the service provider for the conforming client, the determining step being carried out by the Digital Subscriber Line Access Multiplexor, and transferring the information transmitted by the conforming client to the determined network for conforming clients.

9. (Previously presented) Method according to Claim 7, wherein the telecommunication network is a network of the GigaEthernet type, the access control protocol is a protocol of the 8021x type, and in that the point-to-point transport protocol is a protocol in accordance with recommendation RFC 2516.

10. (Previously presented) Method according to Claim 9, wherein the information transmitted according to the point-to-point transport protocol is in the form of packets, and the session concentrator, before transferring the information transmitted by the non-conforming client in the established session to a network for clients that conform to the access control protocol, forms information frames from the packets.

11. (Currently amended) System for access by a client to services provided by a service provider, the client being able to transmit and/or receive information according to a point-to-point transport protocol via a telecommunication network and a session concentrator which is able to transmit and/or receive information according to the point-to-point transport protocol, the telecommunication network including an access control protocol to control access to the services provided by the service provider, the system comprising:

- means for determining whether or not the client conforms to the access control protocol,
- means for ~~authorising~~authorizing the client that does not conform to the access control protocol to access a network for non-conforming clients, the network for non-conforming clients being set up on the telecommunication network and allowing access to the session concentrator ,
- means for establishing a session between the client and the session concentrator according to the point-to-point transport protocol on the network for non-conforming

clients,

- means for transferring, by the session concentrator, the information transmitted by the nonconforming client in the established session to a network for clients that conform to the access control protocol, the network for conforming clients being set up on the telecommunication network and allowing access to the services provided by the service provider, and reciprocally.

12. (Currently amended) A computer readable medium arrangement or storage device arrangement including a ~~computer program~~ computer readable indicia[[.]] ~~said program~~ comprising instructions for enabling a computer system to carry out the method according to Claim 1 when it ~~the medium arrangement or storage device arrangement~~ is loaded and run by a the computer system.